## British Recapture Sap; Allies Lose Fifteen Airplanes

Surprise Attack Robs the French of Supplies Near Juvincourt

Crown PrinceRepulsed

Artillery Fire Increases in the Vicinity of Lens and Moselle

LONDON, Jan. 6. Sharp fighting dereloped last night and to-day on both its entirety, early last night, the sap est of Bullecourt which the enemy had ccupied during the morning. German hments penetrated French ad-ed trenches on the Aisne and Ver-fronts and returned to their lines

a Friday and Saturday fifteen Allied eroplanes and four captive balloons, ome of which were winged by anti-reraft gunners, the Berlin com-

The German successes against the French yesterday were won near luvincourt, northwest of Rheims, and logar Avocourt, northwest of Verdun. While the German statement says that he thrusts were preceded by artillery preparation, it also declares that the stacks took the French by surprise. Numerous prisoners and machine gans' were taken in these two operations, the report says.

North of the Chemin-des-Dames the Commen Prince's troops were less suc-

while attempting to raid ad-posts, Paris reports. In the agne and in Allly Wood, in the inicl sector, Pétain's troops epulsed in hand-to-hand combat

#### Says Foe Lost Paris by Waiting for Kaiser

#### American Traveller Hears Germans Delayed Drive for "Triumphal Entry"

[Special Correspondence] ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—A remarkable place.
ry by Harry B. Hawes, prominent
Louis lawyer, who has just left Gergood v the multi-millionaire brewer, Adolphus Busch, says the German army sweeping on Paris in 1914 had instructions to wait for the Kaiser and the Crown Prince to lead the procession into Paris, and that the Emperor's delay upset the military machine and caused disastrous defeat in the battle of the

Marne.

Hawes's letter, written in France, tells of the many difficulties he and Mrs. Busch experienced in getting ou of Germany. Mrs. Busch was in Germany before the war started, and after telations had been broken between the country and the United States was un

able to return home.

He says he is impressed with the idea that Uncle Sam will be the decisive factor in the war. Men, munitions food and ingenuity will decide, he declared, whether it will be a war of many years or end soon.

#### Snow and Ice Hold British Front in Grip

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Jan. 6.—Freezing temperatures continue to hold the British front in an icy grip. Many of the roads are impassable to motor cars owing to snowdrifts, and the fighting necessarily is desultory owing to the weather conditions. The Germans, however, are exceedingly active, carrying out raids on various parts of the line.

Their exploit of yesterday morning tast of Bullechourt, in which they captured an advance British post, resulted in a heavy loss of life to the attacking troops.

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There has been considerable activity in the air and also continual wrangling between the big guns as a reminder that the war has not been finished. Aside from this, however, comparative quiet prevails.

The Germans are industriously concucing changes in their back areas, which lends support to the general impression that they intend to attempt effensive operations unless peace is

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#### U. S. Profits by Insurance

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 .- More than been issued by the Treasury's Bureau of War Risk Insurance since its crea-tion, September 2, 1914, and premiums received by the government have exceeded losses by \$12,808,000. During 1917 the bureau issued \$819,334,000 of msurance, and in the two years before it issued \$182,203,000, making the total \$1,991,537,000.

"In addition to the large amount of insurance issued," says a Treasury statement, "the reasonable premiums charged by the government have had a large influence on the rates of private companies."

#### **Brown University Athlete**

Dies Flying for France Dies Flying for France
ATHOL, Mass., Jan. 6.—A cablegram
teceived here to-night announced the
death by accident at an aviation school
in France of Frank Starrett, a former
Brown University athlete and grandson of L. S. Starrett, president of the
Starrett Tool Works. Starrett was
graduated from Brown in 1915. At the
outbreak of the war he enlisted in the
ambulance department of the French
army. Later he entered the French
aviation department. His oldest brothte, Arthur Starrett, recently enlisted
as a flyer in the United States army.

Pratt Institute I in-

Pratt Institute Librarian

To Care for Army's Books WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Edward F. Stevens, librarian of the Pratt Institute Free Library, passed through Washington on his way to Norfolk, where he will organize the care and distribution of books for the soldiers and sailors. Mr. Stevens has been commandeered by the American Library Association. One important phase of his work will be arranging hipments of books for the overseas forces.

## Official Statements

#### West

BRITISH

#### FRENCH

PARIS, Jan. 6 (DAY).—There was intermittent cannonading on various sections of the front. German raids on French advanced posts north of the Chemin-dee-Dame were without success. Elsewhere the night

#### GERMAN

capture of numerous prisoners and some ma-chine guns. In Ailly Wood the French twice sought vainly to penetrate our trenches.

On Friday and Saturday, as the result of rerial encounters and by fire from the Fround, fifteen enemy airplanes and four captive balloons were shot down.

(NIGHT).—There was increased fighting activity in Flanders, on the front south of the Scarpe and on the western bank of the Moselle.

#### Italian Front

#### ITALIAN

ROME, Jan. 6.—Alorg the whole front there was an harassing fire by the artillery of both sides and intense activity of our and enemy aircraft in reconnaissance.

Enemy patrol attempts between the Brenta and Piave rivers were casily repulsed.

On the lower Piave, between Fossalta and the sea, there was a lively fire by guns of small calibre, and also bursts of machine gun and rife fire at intervals.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—On both sides of the liver Brents, in the Tomba region, and at fonte Montello there were artillery duels at

#### Italian Air Cordon Stops Raids on Padua

Enemy Fliers Divert Course and Bomb Three Other

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Saturday, Jan. 5 .-Padua was spared another air raid last night largely through the daring of talian aviators, who went into the air

The enemy aviators, seeing the heavy concentration, diverted their course, going to Mestre, Bassano and Castelfranco, where they caused some casualties and considerable loss at the last

British aviators are doing especially good work. Their latest exploit was the

#### **Enemy Batteries** On Upper Piave Silent for Week

Shortage of Ammunition or Movement to Another Front Is Indication

#### Lull in Mountain Fight

Weather Experts Do Not Expect Heavy Snowfall Before February

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS I a week, indicating either a shortage of forces westward to other fronts.

Weather conditions continue abnor mally good, with clear days and nights. The temperature usually is above freezing and there is almost no snow Weather experts believe the season is so far advanced that heavy snows are unlikely until the regular Alpine snowfalls, beginning in February.

### Artillery Battle Rages Along the Lower Piave;

actions were maintained by both the front and along the lower Piave, but no infantry operations are reported in the

Rome emphasizes the lively nature of and within the inundated region north machine guns and rifles poured a steady stream of shot and shell into the in-

artillery fighting on both sides of the Brenta and in the region of Monte to-day. Although the aircraft of both

#### Cold Halts Infantry Action Italians and the Austro-Germans throughout yesterday on the mountain

LONDON, Jan. 6 .- Vigorous artillery

the artillery fighting between Fossalta vaders' defensive works, the communiqué says.

Tomba, scene of the successful initial attack of the French forces a week ago

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TEUTON AND ALLIED PLANS IN THE EAST



The territory in black is that demanded of Russia by the Central Powers at the Brest-Litovsk congress. Inclosed within the solid black and white line is the territory in which the Poles are a predominant part of the population, and on the basis of which the Allies wish the establishment of an independent Poland. Premier Lloyd George on Saturday referred to an independent Poland as "an urgent necessity."

Sides carried out reconnaissances, no of snowstorms along most of the front have precluded infantry actions on any large scale, and it may be weeks before. The extreme cold and the recurrence the big battle is resumed.

Five Thousand Persons Employed The recuperation and repair of worn and damaged articles began in the spring of 1916 in vast warehouses and repair shops, in which five thousand refugersons, including two thousand refugersons. line is the territory in which the Poles are a predominant part of the

## 8 Trains a Day Carry Wastage of Equipment from French Front

Thousands of Tons of Damaged Uniforms, Boots, Etc., deaths: Picked Up From Battlefields and Sent to Factories for Making Over; 24 Tons of Rags Sold Daily

LE MANS, Department of the Sarthe, France, Dec. 24.—On an average eight trains a day are bringing to Le Mans the wastage at the battlefront, consisting of thousands of tons of damaged and ruined soldiers' equipment. There have been as many as seventeen trains a day heavily loaded with this material, picked up on battlefields and around camps. Le Mans would be the paradise of ragmen and dealers in second-hand goods were it not for the fact that the French army is finding its own use for such of this material as it is able to repair.

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Establishments located here by the content of incoming freight trains and unload quantities of a gigantic ragman's shop. The indescribable mass invokes the confusion as well as the tragedy of the battlefield. There are pierced and dented helmets, worn and stained pieces of uniform, forage caps, great coats, leggings, army shoes and trench boots, some of them perforated by bullets, some torn by shrapped and others shredded by violent contact with barbed wire.

All of them are covered with layers of an indefinable color, always easily recognized, but gotten rid of with difficulty. These garments receive special treatment.

Establishments located here by the quartermaster's department recuperate monthly 50,000 outer garments, 125,000 undergarments, 3,500 pairs of shoes, 60,000 pairs of trench boots, 25,000 steel helmets, 270,000 sheepskin capes and 120,000 pieces of equipment. These articles are made ready for use again There are in addition made each month from pieces of clothing that are not re-pairable 100,000 pairs of slippers, 120,-000 cases for soldiers' canteens, 50,000 forage caps, 75,000 shoelaces, 20,000 cloth cases for bread loaves and 10,000

Five Thousand Persons Employed

The first operation on the arrival of a train is the sorting of the load into three piles—leather, cloth and metal. The cloth and canvas go at once into immense disinfecting tanks that are in operation night and day, and from there to the laundry. Then they go to another warehouse, where they are separated into repairable and unrepairable.

able.

The sheepskins are purified by a sulphur application in the abandoned vault of an old cemetery, nearby, where six thousand of them are treated each day, after which they are made pliable and ready for wear again by a beating machine. Some of them are able to take another turn at the front, but the most of them, along with pieces of uniform, are used for the equipment of auxiliaries and in the hospitals for the clothing of convelescents.

Rags are sald here at the rate of a

Rags are sold here at the rate of a hundred bales a day, weighing in the aggregate about twelve tons. This represents the wear and wastage of clothing received at Le Mans alone; an equal quantity is received at Les Murlins.

#### Deaths Among Our Troops Abroad

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. - General Pershing to-day reported the following

BOGLE, Fred, private, infantry, pneu-monia; Circleville, Ohio. CADIGAN, Michael J., private, field artillery, meningitis; Beverly Farms, Mass.

CHAPMAN, Henry M., private, infantry, undetermined; 29 Hancock Street, Dorchester, Mass.

FINCH Howard, private, motor truck company, meningitis; Torrington, Wyo.

GRUBE, Fred M., corporal, ambulance company, pneumonia; address, 2954 Taylor Street, Northeast, Minneapo-

HALFHILL, Walter, private, infantry, pneumonia; Alton, Ohio.

HARVEY, Albert, private, stevedore, result of explosion; 222 Simmons Alley, Helena, Ark.

KENNEY, Everett R., field artillery, meningitis; 70 Dorchester Street, Lawrence, Mass.

M'NAMARA, Michael J., private, ambu-lance company; 1102 North Florence Street, El Paso, Tex.

ROOSE, Herman A., private, pneumo nia; Odobelt, Iowa. KILEY, William E., private, Field Artillery, meningitis; East Lynn, Mass.

WILSON, Norbert T., private, Infantry; scarlet fever; Eiliott, Iowa.

MALEY, Edward J., private, Infantry, pneumonia; 520 East Twelfth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. MOBERG, Carl E., private, Field Artillery, pneumonia; 4701 Fifth Avenue, South Minneapolis, Minn.

BOYAJIAM, Hartcotum, private, Infantry, gunshot wounds; 21 West 119th street, New York City.

DEAHY, George N., private, Infantry, pneumonia; Northfield, Min. O'NEIL, Ernest, private, Quartermas-ters' Corps, pneumonia; Tulia, Texas. JENKINS, Charles, private, Field Artil-lery, accidentally killed by truck; Cranston, R. I.

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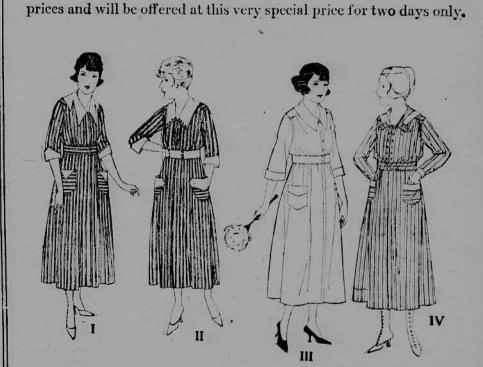
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